

Readopt with amendment Env-A 3800, eff. 2-24-09 (doc. #9393 Interim), to read as follows:

CHAPTER Env-A 3800 VOLUNTARY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS REGISTRY

Statutory Authority: RSA 125-L:3

PART Env-A 3801 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

Env-A 3801.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to implement RSA 125-L, as amended relative to participating in a multi-state climate registry, while retaining recognition of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions undertaken voluntarily by New Hampshire sources that already have been recorded in the state's registry for early reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

Env-A 3801.02 Applicability. This chapter shall apply to the voluntary registration of greenhouse gas emissions reductions by the following sources:

- (a) Any business or other entity located in New Hampshire which reduces greenhouse gas emissions in the state;
- (b) Any business or other entity located in New Hampshire which reduces greenhouse gas emissions out of state; and
- (c) Any person, as defined in Env-A 101.140, that reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

PART Env-A 3802 DEFINITIONS

Env-A 3802.01 "Greenhouse gas (GHG)" means "greenhouse gas" as defined in RSA 125-L:1, IV.

Env-A 3802.02 "Protocol" means a replicable and workable method to estimate the mass of emissions reductions.

Env-A 3802.03 "Quantifiable" means the amount and rate of a voluntary emission reduction that has been calculated using applicable protocols issued by The Climate Registry.

Env-A 3802.04 "Source" means "source" as defined in RSA 125-L:1, V, namely "any entity, building, structure, facility, installation, article, or thing which, in the opinion of the commissioner, emits or may emit a greenhouse gas."

Env-A 3802.05 "The Climate Registry" means the nonprofit organization created to establish consistent, transparent standards throughout North America for businesses and governments to calculate, verify and publicly report their carbon footprints in a single, unified registry.

Env-A 3802.06 "Voluntary Emission Reduction (VER)" means a voluntary emission reduction of one or more greenhouse gases generated over a discrete period of time, and measured in weight.

PART Env-A 3803 GHG VOLUNTARY EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS REGISTRATION

Env-A 3803.01 Prior Registrations. The department shall retain records of all voluntary emissions reductions (VER) registered with the department under this chapter as in effect prior to its 2009 readoption.

Env-A 3803.02 Registration. The owner or operator of a source who wishes to register VER shall comply with The Climate Registry's General Reporting Protocol for the Voluntary Reporting Program.

PART Env-A 3804 RECORDKEEPING AND VERIFICATION

Env-A 3804.01 Recordkeeping.

(a) The owner or operator of a source who wishes to register VER shall maintain all records required under The Climate Registry's General Reporting Protocol for the Voluntary Reporting Program and The Climate Registry's General Verification Protocol.

(b) The owner or operator of a source that transfers ownership of a VER shall transfer all records maintained pursuant to (a), above, to the transferee at the time that ownership of a VER is transferred.

Env-A 3804.02 Verification. VER shall be verified as specified in The Climate Registry's General Verification Protocol.

PART Env-A 3805 GHG VER CONVERSION TO TRADABLE CREDITS

Env-A 3805.01 Use Limitation. GHG VERs registered in accordance with this chapter shall not be converted to tradable credits or used under any circumstances unless and until this chapter is amended to establish a trading program.

APPENDIX

Rule Section(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Env-A 3800	RSA 125-L